

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006. With this response, claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 19, 20, 33, 34, 40, 41, 47, 56-58 and 72 are amended; and claims 5, 45 and 53 are cancelled and all pending claims 1-4, 6-44, 46-52 and 54-82 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

With this response, the claims have been amended to address the restriction requirement discussed in section one of the Office Action. It is believed that all pending claims are in condition for examination. Additionally, Applicant notes that a number of dependent claims were indicated as being to a non-elected species. However, with the above amendments, these claims are now dependent upon allowable based claims to the elected species and therefore they may remain in the application.

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted the priority claim. Applicant has reviewed the priority claim and it appears to be correct. Specifically, the present application claims priority to a copending application, which itself claimed priority to another application with which it was copended.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to and the Examiner requested that Figures 18-22a and 22b be labeled as "prior art." However, Applicant believes that this is, in fact, an incorrect labeling. These drawings illustrate operation and functions of aspects of the present invention. These drawings simply provide specific illustrations of aspects of the invention set forth in other figures.

In Paragraph 4, a number of claims were objected to due to informalities. Those claims have been amended and it is believed that those objections may be withdrawn.

In Section 5 of the Office Action, a number of claims were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,654,697. With this response, the Terminal Disclaimer is filed against U.S. Patent No. 6,654,697. Therefore, it is believed that the rejections may be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, along with the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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